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SUBJECT: ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURER ON ME

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1. SUMMARY. PUBLIC LECTURER MARCH 9 REITERATED
STANDARD LINE THAT STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO
MIDDLE EAST WILL NOT WORK AND THAT ONLY POSSIBLE
SUCCESSFUL FORUM REMAINS GENEVA. SECRETARY'S
PRESENT TRIP MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING. SPEAKER
AFFIRMED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO
STATEHOOD, AND ASSERTED THAT BREZHNEV "PROBABLY WILL
GO TO EGYPT" TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET
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RELATIONS. NO DATE OR TIME PERIOD WAS MENTIONED FOR

POSSIBLE BREZHNEV VISIT TO CAIRO. END SUMMARY.

2. A SPEAKER AT THE ZNANIYE SOCIETY PUBLIC LECTURE ON MARCH 9 BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN DISCUSSING SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE REPEATED THE SOVIET POSITION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WILL LEAD NOWHERE AND THAT PEACEFUL AGREEMENTS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. THE SPEAKER STATED SIMPLY THAT THE SECRETARY WAS AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT NO FURTHER COMMENTARY WAS OFFERED.

3. SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN "STATEHOOD" (GOSUDARSTVENNOST') WAS REITERATED. THE SPEAKER CLAIMED THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE INDEPENDENT 25 YEARS AGO, SO THEY MUST NOW HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR LAND.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, THE SPEAKER SAID THAT BREZHNEV "PROBABLY WILL GO TO EGYPT" TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE, BUT HE OFFERED NO DATE OR BROADER TIME FRAME WHEN SUCH A VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE.
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